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Dear Dr. Conard:

Retirement is a time to reflect on the past and think about the future. Your inspired direction of the program on study of fallout effects on the human beings accidentally exposed on March 1, 1954 has contributed substantially to the understanding of the effects of radiation on man and particularly alerted mankind to the hazard of radioiodine to the human thyroid. This unsuspected sensitivity of the human thyroid for development of thyroid neoplasia and hypoplasia compared to animal responses is of great importance in planning future nuclear energy development in the world of today and the future.

Your statesman-like and rational behavior when thrown innocently into the middle of irrational environmental and political agitators has been commendable and is in the best tradition of the academic world.

We wish you the best for the future in your personal life and hope we can call on you as a continuing consultant to the Medical Department on radiation effects in man and the study of the effects of fallout on the Marshallese.

Sincerely yours,

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